



H.R. 3734 – MORLEY NELSON SNAKE RIVER BIRDS OF PREY NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA ACT

FLOOR SITUATION

H.R. 3734 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Michael Simpson (R-ID) on October 2, 2007. The House Committee on Natural Resources agreed to the bill, as amended, by voice vote on April 2, 2008.

H.R. 3734 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on April 22, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.R. 3734 renames the Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area located in Idaho as the "Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area." The 500 acre area of land is managed by the Bureau of Land Management, and is being renamed in honor of the late Morley Nelson.

BACKGROUND

Morley Nelson (1917-2005) was in international authority on birds of prey and played an instrumental role in the establishment of these 500 acres of Idaho land as a National Conservation Area. Among Mr. Nelson's contributions to wildlife was his design of safety structures that protected birds of prey from electrical transmission facilities, while saving the transmission companies money.

The Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area was established in 1993 as part of the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) National Landscape Conservation System. The Area is home to one of the world's most heavily concentrated natural habitats for nesting birds of prey, such as eagles, falcons, owls, and hawks. The Area is composed of over 600,000 acres of land, and is home to 24 species of nesting birds of prey.

[BLM website for the Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area](#)

COST

The Congressional Budget Office "estimates that implementing this legislation would have no significant effect on the operating budget of the conservation area, which is administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM)... We expect that one-time costs to revise BLM brochures, maps, and signs would be minimal because most such revisions would take place in conjunction with scheduled reprinting and other routine maintenance. Enacting H.R. 3734 would not affect direct spending or revenues."

[Full CBO cost estimate for H.R. 3734](#)

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